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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application)
SATO et al.)
Application 10/077,163) Art Unit 1634
Filed: February 15, 2002) Examiner Bradley L. Sisson
For: HYBRIDIZATION DEVICE WITH A SHEET OR)
A BOTTOM CONVEX FOR FIXEDLY PLACING)
A COVER GLASS THEREON (AS AMENDED))
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0058)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 17, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 17, 2004, with a fee for a one-month extension submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request the reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks which have addressed all the grounds for rejection or otherwise have rendered them moot.